



BOROUGH OF CONGLETON

REPORT

on the

Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough

for the

Year ended 31st December, 1970

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HEALTH AND SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE BOROUGH

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To: The Mayor, Aldermen, and Members of the Congleton Borough Council

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report for the year 1970 on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough.

Once again there has been an increase in the population, this time of 260. The number of people living in this town now totals 19,870.

The incidence of infectious diseases continues to remain low for a town of this size, but it is unfortunate that I have to report 49 cases of measles. This is a disease which could be completely eradicated if every parent would take advantage of the vaccination against this illness which is available either from their family doctor or from the Clinic.

As will be seen in the Report we have begun to protect schoolgirls against german measles and I am very satisfied with the response we have had from the parents. Although german measles itself is not a serious disease it can, if it occurs in early pregnancy, be responsible for very serious mental defects and physical deformities in the new-born child. It is to be hoped in the future that there will be a considerable drop in the numbers of this type of problem by the new policy we are adopting in the vaccination of schoolgirls between the ages of eleven and thirteen.

I would like to draw attention once again to the number of cases of cancer of the lung and bronchus. Almost certainly these have been caused by excessive cigarette smoking and it is tragic that despite all the publicity and reports from the Royal College of Physicians there does not appear to be any appreciable falling off in the incidence of cigarette smoking, particularly among the younger element of the population.

I am including in this Report for the last time the statistics in connection with some of the services formerly managed by the Health Department of the County Council. From 1st April 1971, the Day Nursery, physically handicapped and mentally handicapped services have been handed over to the new Social Services Department which now occupies the office in Park Street. Your Health Department has now been re-housed in Moody Street and I am pleased to say that we are highly satisfied with the present arrangements.

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I should like to thank Mr. Whiston, our Chief Public Health Inspector, for his co-operation and help in the preparation of this Report, as well as to the Engineer and Surveyor for his contribution. Mr. Horace Lawton, our Clerk, has always been a most helpful colleague and I should like to pay tribute to the great assistance and advice he has given me at all times.

I beg to remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

L. RICH

Medical Officer of Health

The figures in brackets throughout this Report are for 1969.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Extracts from Vital Statistics

Estimated population 19870 (19610)

<u>Births</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Live Births	Legitimate	329 (327)	161 (172)	166 (155)
	Illegitimate	14 (19)	4 (13)	10 (6)
Still Births	Legitimate	5 (3)	2 (2)	3 (1)
	Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

Live birth rate per 1000 estimated average population mid 1970: 17.2
(17.6)

Live birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population: 16.0
(16.3)

Still birth rate per 1000 total (Live and Still) births: 14 (9)

Still birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 total (Live and Still) births: 13 (13)

Still birth rate per 1000 total population: 0.24 (0.15)

Infantile Mortality

The total number of deaths is shown as follows:-

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	4 (3)	3 (2)	1 (1)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

Infantile mortality rate per 1000 live births: 12 (8.6)

Infantile mortality rate for England and Wales: 18 (18)

Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births: 12 (9.1)

Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births: 0 (0)

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Deaths, all ages	265 (242)	126 (118)	139 (124)

Death rate per 1000 estimated average population: 13.3 (11.7)

Death rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population: 11.7 (11.9)

The following table shows the deaths from all causes within the district during the past year.

Cause	Total	Male	Female
Cholera	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-
Bacillary Dysentery and amoebiasis	-	-	-
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	-	-	-
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	-	-	-
Late effects of respiratory Tuberculosis	2	1	1
Other Tuberculosis	1	1	-
Plague	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Streptococcal sore throat and scarlet fever	-	-	-
Meningococcal infection	-	-	-
Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-

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Cause	Total	Male	Female
Measles	-	-	-
Typhus and other rickettsioses	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-
Syphilis and its sequelae	-	-	-
All other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity, etc.	2	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	2	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	11	2	9
Malignant neoplasm, larynx	1	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	1	1	-
Leukaemia	1	1	-
Malignant neoplasms, other	40	21	19
Benign neoplasms and neoplasms of unspecified nature	1	-	1
Diabetes mellitus	4	2	2
Avitaminoses and other nutritional deficiency	-	-	-
Anaemias	-	-	-
Meningitis	-	-	-
Multiple sclerosis	-	-	-
Active rheumatic fever	-	-	-
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	1	-	1
Hypertensive disease	3	-	3
Ishaemic heart disease	55	31	24
Other forms of heart disease	10	5	5
Cerebrovascular disease	53	17	36
Influenza	4	1	3
Pneumonia	12	9	3
Bronchitis, emphysema and asthma	19	15	4
Peptic ulcer	2	2	-
Appendicitis	-	-	-
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	3	1	2
Cirrhosis of liver	-	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	1	-
Abortion	-	-	-
Other complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	-	-	-
Congenital anomalies	3	1	2
Birth injury, difficult labour and other anoxic and hypoxic conditions	-	-	-
Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	1	-

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Cause	Total	Male	Female
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	1	1	-
All other diseases	22	7	15
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-	1
All other accidents	3	1	2
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	2	2	-
All other external causes	-	-	-
Total	265	126	139

Deaths from Puerperal and Maternal causes

No. of deaths

Puerperal Sepsis	0	(0)
Other maternal causes	0	(0)

Maternal mortality rate per 1000 Live and Still births: 0 (0)

<u>Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
1950	1	1	-
1951	4	3	1
1952	4	4	-
1953	3	2	1
1954	5	4	1
1955	3	3	-
1956	8	6	2
1957	5	4	1
1958	6	6	-
1959	5	4	1
1960	6	5	1
1961	8	8	-
1962	7	6	1
1963	9	9	-
1964	3	2	1
1965	4	1	3
1966	5	5	-
1967	6	4	2
1968	6	5	1
1969	12	12	-
1970	11	9	2

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Care of Mothers and Young Children

The Health Visitors serving in this area are as follows:-

Miss M. Corbishley, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.	Nursery Lane Clinic, Congleton. Tel: Congleton 2261.
Miss J. B. Edwards, S.R.N., N.N.E.B., H.V.	Nursery Lane Clinic, Congleton. Tel: Congleton 2261.
Mrs. P. Parker, S.R.N., Q.N., H.V.	Nursery Lane Clinic, Congleton. Tel: Congleton 2261.

Clinic Nurse

Mrs. A. N. Thursfield	Nursery Lane Clinic, Congleton. Tel: Congleton 2261.
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Clinic Services

As can be seen from the figures we are very active both at Nursery Lane and at West Road. We are still continuing to use the old Civil Defence Hut and what the future will be for the West End of town may have to wait until Local Government Re-organisation is finalised.

Statistics

Mothers Clinics	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held
Ante-natal	82 (87)	349 (401)	49 (49)

Dental Clinics	No. of Visits	No. of Extractions	No. of Fillings
Children 0-5	400 (432)	77 (82)	362 (237)
Expectant and Nursing Mothers	147 (197)	42 (46)	105 (131)
Dentures Supplied 6 (11)			

Infant Welfare

Welfare Centre	Attendances						No. of Clinics	Cases seen by Doctor	Average per Clinic seen by Doctor	Average attendance per Clinic	
	Born 1970		Born 1969		Born 1968-1966						Total
	1st	Sub.	1st	Sub.	1st	Sub.					
Nursery Lane West Road	257	920	29	1053	21	292	2572	55	679	12.3	46.8
	85	628	21	731	33	270	1768	50	324	6.5	35.4

Special Clinics for Under 5

	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held	Average per Clinic
Ophthalmic Clinic	45 (10)	206 (89)	21 (19)	9.8 (4.6)

	New Cases	Re-examinations	No. of Clinics held	Average per Clinic
E.N.T. Clinic	5 (1)	19 (-)	9 (9)	2.5 (.1)

Special Clinics for School Children

	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held	Average per Clinic
Ophthalmic Clinic	88 (70)	509 (375)	21 (19)	24.2 (19.7)
E.N.T. Clinic	24 (12)	63 (56)	9 (9)	7.0 (6.2)

Welfare Foods Sold - 1970

Distribution Centre	National Dried Milk		A. & D. Tablets	Cod Liver Oil	Orange Juice
	F. Cream	H. Cream			
Congleton Clinics and Divisional Medical Office	434 (834)	0 (27)	484 (388)	457 (426)	8741 (7311)

Day Nursery - Attendances 1970

January %	February %	March %	April %	May %	June %	July %	August %
83.6 (87.1)	87.4 (85.9)	85.1 (92.7)	92.9 (80.1)	85.3 (84.2)	90.7 (83.3)	81.7 (83.1)	50.7 (57.1)

September %	October %	November %	December %	1970 %
82.9 (93.5)	87.6 (89.1)	95.4 (89.3)	85.3 (76.1)	84.1 (83.4)

Midwifery

Nurse M. S. Bowman combines the duties of Home Nurse with that of District Midwife.

The Midwife resident in the Borough is:-

J. Sulej

38 Greenacres Road,
Congleton.

Tel No:
Congleton 3495

Births - 1970

Hospital		Home		Private N. Home	
Live	Still	Live	Still	Live	Still
324 (335)	7 (3)	12 (17)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)

Home Nursing

Three District Nurses are resident in Congleton Borough.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Tel No.</u>
M. S. Bowman	9 Pirie Road, Buglawton, Congleton.	Congleton 3444
B. Morris	2 Clayton Avenue, Buglawton, Congleton.	Congleton 2104
E. Scholes	"High Meadows", Tunstall Road, Timbersbrook.	Congleton 3904

The Home Nurses work in close co-operation with Family Doctors and give a high level of service. With the increasing difficulty of getting patients into hospital, particularly old people, more and more work is falling on to their shoulders. To meet the call a considerable amount of nursing equipment of every kind is used and when required, which is frequent, domestic help is provided.

Meals on Wheels

One cannot speak too highly of the work being done through this service. 36 meals are served twice each week and in addition numerous social visits throughout the year are carried out by these ladies. On occasions assistance has been given by the W.V.S. to old people who have moved into bungalows. Tribute should be paid to Mrs. Nichols and all her loyal band of W.V.S. workers. 3384 meals were served during the year.

Public Health Laboratory Service

A new laboratory has opened at Chester which we find more convenient than going into Manchester.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

Completed Primary Courses - Persons Under Age 16
(South-East Cheshire)

Type of Vaccine	Year of Birth					Others Under 16	Total	
	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966-63		At Clinics	By G.P's
Quadruple	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Triple (D/W.C./T)	18	630	290	18	11	3	261	709
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
Polio-Salk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-Sabin	18	614	289	20	22	20	282	701
Measles	1	243	498	161	143	49	294	801
German Measles	-	-	-	-	-	547	496	51

Reinforcing Doses - Persons Under Age 16
(South-East Cheshire)

Type of Vaccine	Year of Birth					Others Under 16	Total	
	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966-63		At Clinics	By G.P's
Quadruple	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Triple (D/W.C./T)	-	3	50	18	216	8	34	261
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	-	5	1	617	51	245	429
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	-	-	-	-	63	131	4	190
Polio-Salk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-Sabin	-	4	53	23	878	60	284	734

Smallpox Vaccination - Persons Under Age 16
(South-East Cheshire)

	Year of Birth				Others Under 16	Total	At Clinics	By G.P's
	1970	1969	1968	1967-56				
Vaccinated	-	288	558	94	6	946	235	711
Re-vaccinated	-	1	2	96	51	150	9	141

Domestic Help Service

The demands for this service continue to be high and I am pleased to report that most of them in Congleton continue to be met.

Home Helps employed during 1970

Full time	-	(-)
Part time	73	(89)
	73	(89)

Home Helps employed at 31st December 1970

Full time	-	(-)
Part time	62	(53)
	62	(53)

Applications received during 1970

Aged and Infirm	57	(44)
Chronic sick	1	(1)
Mentally disordered	-	(-)
Maternity	3	(5)
Others	12	(12)
	73	(62)

Cases attended during 1970

Aged and Infirm	192	(173)
Chronic sick	14	(16)
Mentally disordered	-	(1)
Maternity	-	(5)
Others	13	(17)
	<u>219</u>	<u>(212)</u>

Cases receiving attention at 31st December 1970

Aged and Infirm	169	(124)
Chronic sick	7	(14)
Mentally disordered	-	(-)
Maternity	-	(-)
Others	2	(4)
	<u>178</u>	<u>(142)</u>

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

General

The area of the Congleton Borough Council continues to be supplied with water derived to the greatest extent from the Hug Bridge Pumping Station, Bosley (which utilises a mixture of water drawn from the river and from the boreholes), and to a lesser extent from the artesian well supply at Forge Lane, Congleton.

New Sources

Further work has been carried out on the scheme for applying a yield from the new borehole at Rushton Spencer to augment that available from the existing sources given above. In particular the necessary connecting main between the borehole and the Hug Bridge Pumping Station was completed during the year and a start made on increasing the filtration and treatment capacity within that station.

Laying of Water Main Extensions

During the year extensions of water mains - to the greatest extent necessary for the provision of water services to new housing developments - have been carried out at the following sites:-

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Size of Main</u>
Percy Bilton Ltd.	Padgbury Lane	6" & 4"
Albert Locke (1940) Ltd.	Off Havannah Lane	4" & 3"
H. C. Janes Ltd.	Blackfirs Estate	6" & 4"
Congleton Corporation	Eaton Bank Trading Estate	12"
Mr. A. P. Carmen	Norfolk Road	4"
Northern Ideal Homesteads Ltd.	Fields Road	4"
Cheshire County Council	Longdown Road (School)	6"

I am indebted to Mr. A. B. Watson, Borough Engineer and Surveyor, for the following information.

Drainage and Sewerage

Private development continues in the West Heath, Lower Heath, Buglawton and Astbury Lane Ends areas. In all cases the development has necessitated the extension of the existing drainage system. Work has commenced on the provision of additional drainage to serve approximately 50 acres of land between Park Lane and Canal Road. This system also includes improvements to part of the town centre surface water drainage system.

Public Cleansing

The tonnage of household refuse disposed of by controlled tipping for 1970 is estimated to be in the region of 8,800 tons. Further facilities have been made available to the public for the disposal of household refuse and the tip is open to the general public during Saturdays and Sundays.

Housing

The number of Council houses completed in 1970:-

Houses	-	(-)
Single Person Flats	-	(24)
2 bed. Maisonettes	-	(-)
Shops	-	(-)
1 bed. Bungalows	-	(18)

Private houses completed in 1970	127	(98)
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Number of applicants on the waiting list at 31st December 1970 (excluding applications for aged persons bungalows)	229	(243)
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Number of visits re housing applications by Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspector	19	(33)
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The Housing Committee have approved two schemes of sheltered accommodation during the year and these schemes consisting of 27 flats together with Warden's accommodation and 39 flats plus Warden's accommodation are due to commence at Bradwell Grove and Heath Road during the middle part of 1971.

Modernisation of Pre-War Council Houses

Tenders were invited and arrangements made to start the first scheme on Vaudrey Crescent consisting of 104 houses.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Notifiable Disease (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1970

Disease	Age Distribution									Total	Cases Admitted to Hospital
	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25+		
Measles	3	5	2	9	4	22	3	1	-	49	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	1	-	6	5	2	-	14	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	3	-	4	-	-	-	7	-

Tuberculosis

For comparative purposes I have recorded the notifications of Tuberculosis during 1970 in conjunction with the notifications of this disease received each year since 1961.

Notifications - 1961 to 1970

	1961		1962		1963		1964		1965		1966		1967		1968		1969		1970	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
<u>Male</u>																				
Up to 1 year																				
1 - 5																				1
5 - 15					1		1													
15 - 25	1										1				1					
25 - 35							1		2						2		1		2	
35 - 45	1						1		2		1				1		1		1	
45 - 55			1	1	1						1								1	
55 - 65			1		2		1		1		4				2					
65 & over	1						1				1								2	
<u>Female</u>																				
Up to 1 year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15					2				1						1					
15 - 25	1	1																		
25 - 35	1				1						1		1				2			
35 - 45	1																			
45 - 55							1	1		1										1
55 - 65																				
65 & over																				
Total	6	1	1	1	7	-	6	1	6	1	9	-	1	-	7	-	4	-	6	2

Deaths - 1961 to 1970

	1961		1962		1963		1964		1965		1966		1967		1968		1969		1970	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
<u>Male</u>																				
Up to 1 year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15																				
15 - 25																				
25 - 35																				
35 - 45													1							
45 - 55					1															
55 - 65			1		2				1				1		1					
65 & over			1																	
<u>Female</u>																				
Up to 1 year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15																				
15 - 25																				
25 - 35																				
35 - 45															1					
45 - 55			1																	
55 - 65													1							
65 & over									1											
Total	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-

Cases on the Tuberculosis Register
at 31st December 1970, were as follows:-

	Up to 1 Yr.	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 & over	Total
Male Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	12	9	9	8	17	56
Female Pulmonary	-	-	1	3	9	8	6	7	9	43
Male Non-Pulmonary	-	-	1	6	2	5	1	7	-	22
Female Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	5	-	1	2	7	16

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT FOR YEAR 1970

General Remarks

The provisions of the Housing Act 1969 on improvement grants and subsequent publicity had the effect of increasing the number of applications for standard grant by almost three times and several applications for discretionary-type grants, including a few for the division of large houses into flats, were received.

At the end of the year the Housing Committee decided to allocate 60% of all housing accommodation becoming available to the rehousing of tenants from condemned houses.

The number of individual houses offered for sale to the Council increased and following consideration of a report from the Town Clerk a policy was adopted to purchase properties in clearance areas and those affected by road improvements, re-development areas, etc.


Chief Public Health Inspector.

Public Health Acts 1936 - 1969

Complaints

During the year 164 complaints were received and investigated; 6 of these were found to be concerning matters which could not be dealt with by the department; 25 were found to be related to dangerous structures, waste of water and other matters and were referred to the departments concerned.

Nuisances

Following complaints, and as a result of routine survey, 79 houses were inspected, a total of 75 nuisances found and 79 Informal Notices issued; 111 visits were made to houses previously inspected and 78 nuisances found to be abated. 63 Informal Notices were complied with. 2 Formal Notices were served and complied with.

Drainage

The repair of existing drainage was supervised and necessary testing done. 332 visits were made in connection with this work and the tracing of existing drainage at various properties.

Water Supply

Routine samples were taken monthly from each of the town's systems of supply, from the baths at the National Children's Home and also during the season from the Council's swimming baths. The Public Health Laboratory Service, Chester, carried out bacteriological examination of the samples and the reports were satisfactory.

All except 24 (75 occupants) of the houses in the Borough have piped water inside the houses from public water mains.

Infectious Disease and Disinfection

15 cases of infectious disease were investigated and the necessary disinfection of premises and library books carried out.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses registered.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960

The licensed site at Rocky Pool, Timbersbrook, was visited regularly and was found to be satisfactorily kept and well conducted. During the year the site was extended and a further licence issued in respect of this extension but works to the ablution block were still outstanding at the end of the year.

Noise Abatement Act 1960

One complaint of a serious nuisance at night-time was received and following consideration by the Council a formal abatement notice was served and subsequently complied with. The noise from a paper bag making machine was found to be incapable of suppression so the firm concerned was requested to minimise the effect by operating with the windows facing the properties affected closed.

Clean Air Acts 1956 - 1968

Only one firm gave any trouble and following survey and advice from the National Coal Board the position with regard to smoke emission improved.

Housing Acts 1957 - 1969

69 houses were inspected under the provisions of the Housing Acts and 226 re-visits made.

14 houses in clearance areas were demolished and 2 areas completely cleared. 7 individual unfit houses were demolished.

5 houses were vacated and closed.

6 clearance areas comprising a total of 36 houses were represented to the Council and Compulsory Purchase or Clearance Orders made.

Closing Orders were made by the Council in respect of 2 unfit properties and 3 individual houses were demolished.

2 Orders in respect of 2 clearance areas containing 33 houses were confirmed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Following applications for advances under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958, 40 houses were inspected and reports submitted to the Council.

Improvement Grants

41 applications for standard grants were received and all but 5 were approved. 4 applications for discretionary improvement grants were approved.

Qualification Certificates

1 application for a Qualification Certificate was received. This was refused as the house was not in a good state of repair.

Food and Drugs Act 1955

456 inspections of premises used for the preparation, storage or sale of food were carried out. 8 contraventions were found and 3 Informal Notices issued. On re-inspection 4 contraventions had been abated and 1 Notice complied with.

8 complaints were received at the office of the unsatisfactory condition of various food-stuffs. All were referred to the Cheshire County Council who prosecuted 1 of the firms concerned resulting in a fine of £20, the remainder received cautions.

Ice-cream

There are 6 shop premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream. 97 premises are registered only for selling ice-cream.

During the year 30 samples of ice-cream were taken for bacteriological examination by the Public Health Laboratory at Chester, and none were below standard.

Preserved Food

45 premises are registered for the manufacture of preserved food (sausages, potted and pressed meats, etc).

Slaughterhouses

The one licensed slaughterhouse in the Borough continued to operate and all animals slaughtered were inspected as laid down in the Meat Inspection Regulations 1963 and carcasses passed fit marked in accordance with the regulations. The sum of £127.99 was received from the slaughterhouse occupier being the result of the charge levied on a headage basis by the Council in 1963.

Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

Slaughter of Animals Act 1958

The stunning of all animals in the Borough is carried out by means of captive bolt pistols.

23 slaughtermen's licences were renewed.

Pet Animals Act 1951

There are 2 licensed premises in the Borough and both these were inspected during the year.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963

1 establishment was licensed.

Housing Acts 1957 - 1969

69 houses were inspected under the provisions of the Housing Acts and 226 re-visits made.

14 houses in clearance areas were demolished and 2 areas completely cleared. 7 individual unfit houses were demolished.

5 houses were vacated and closed.

6 clearance areas comprising a total of 36 houses were represented to the Council and Compulsory Purchase or Clearance Orders made.

Closing Orders were made by the Council in respect of 2 unfit properties and 3 individual houses were demolished.

2 Orders in respect of 2 clearance areas containing 33 houses were confirmed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Following applications for advances under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958, 40 houses were inspected and reports submitted to the Council.

Improvement Grants

41 applications for standard grants were received and all but 5 were approved. 4 applications for discretionary improvement grants were approved.

Qualification Certificates

1 application for a Qualification Certificate was received. This was refused as the house was not in a good state of repair.

Food and Drugs Act 1955

456 inspections of premises used for the preparation, storage or sale of food were carried out. 8 contraventions were found and 3 Informal Notices issued. On re-inspection 4 contraventions had been abated and 1 Notice complied with.

8 complaints were received at the office of the unsatisfactory condition of various food-stuffs. All were referred to the Cheshire County Council who prosecuted 1 of the firms concerned resulting in a fine of £20, the remainder received cautions.

Ice-cream

There are 6 shop premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream. 97 premises are registered only for selling ice-cream.

During the year 30 samples of ice-cream were taken for bacteriological examination by the Public Health Laboratory at Chester, and none were below standard.

Preserved Food

45 premises are registered for the manufacture of preserved food (sausages, potted and pressed meats, etc).

Slaughterhouses

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Milk and Dairies Regulations 1960

11 farms are registered by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and sell farm bottled milk in the Borough. 9 distributors are registered and operate from various premises and 47 shop premises are licensed for the sale of milk. 2 premises are registered as dairies.

19 visits have been made dealing with the enforcement of the regulations.

Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

	Total Submitted	Number Brucella Positive
Bulk Samples	26	-
Dealer Samples	122	4
Individual Cow Samples	77	3
Total	235	7
There were, at the end of 1970, 11 dairy herds in the district from which milk was sold raw to the public.		

Following notifications from the Public Health Laboratory on six occasions that samples of milk from dealers in the Borough had been found to be infected with brucellosis, Notices were served on the farms concerned requiring all their milk to be diverted to pasteurisation until the affected animals were identified and removed from the herd.

Enquiries were made into two human cases and investigations into the sources of milk supplies carried out.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949

The Council has one full-time operative whose duties are concerned with the destruction of rats and mice.

123 visits have been made by Public Health Inspectors in connection with complaints and general supervision.

All work at business premises was carried out after written or verbal intimation had been given and no Statutory Notices have been served.

A summary of the incidence and treatment carried out is appended.

Maintenance Treatment for Rats in Sewers

It is estimated that there are 1,250 manholes in the Borough and a test bait of 10% of these was undertaken and treatments carried out.

Factories Act 1961

194 inspections were made. 16 contraventions were noted and dealt with.

Outworkers

No lists of outworkers were submitted from factories in the area.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

40 general inspections were made and 11 re-visits were made to premises previously inspected.

4 Notices served previously were found to be complied with on re-inspection and 13 contraventions remedied.

No accidents were reported during the year.

Premises registered at the end of the year were as follows:-

Offices	-	40
Retail shops	-	131
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	7
Catering establishments	-	5
Fuel storage depots	-	2
		185

A total of 861 persons (males 376, females 485) are shown as employed in the premises registered.

Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964

There are 5 dealers in the Borough registered under the Act.

TABLES AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Summary of Visits and Inspections

<u>General</u>	<u>No. of Visits</u>
Water Supply	81
Drainage	332
Swimming Baths	3
Farms	2
Noise Abatement	60
Caravans	19
Factories	194
Schools	3
Hairdressers	5
Animal Boarding Establishments	3
Refuse disposal	37
Pest Control	124
Atmospheric pollution	100
Pet Shops	3
Interviews	233
Miscellaneous	298
<u>Housing</u>	
<u>Under Public Health Acts</u>	
Number of houses inspected	79
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	111
<u>Under Housing Acts and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958</u>	
Number of houses inspected	69
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	226
<u>Overcrowding</u>	
Number of houses inspected	2
Improvement grants	216
Miscellaneous housing visits	181

<u>Infectious Diseases</u>	<u>No. of Visits</u>
Inquiries	15
Visits re disinfection	2
Miscellaneous	32

Food Premises and Food Inspection

Slaughterhouses	433
Butchers	49
Canteens	6
Dairies and milk distributors	17
Fishmongers and poulterers	5
Food preparing premises	22
Fried fish shops	32
Grocers	78
Greengrocers and fruiterers	56
Ice-cream premises	120
Restaurants	15
Street Vendors and Hawkers carts and vehicles	12
Licensed premises	23
Bakeries	21
Imported Food Regulations	6
Miscellaneous	4

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises

Offices	10
Retail shops	29
Wholesalers	1
Re-visits	11

Summary of Notices Served

Number of Informal Notices served	85
Number of Informal Notices complied with	69
Number of Statutory Notices served	2
Number of Statutory Notices complied with	2

Food and Drugs Act 1955

Food Premises

Number of food premises in the area by type of business is as follows:-

Butchers	26
Canteens	21
Dairies	2
Milk shops	62
Fishmongers and poulterers	7
Greengrocers	16
Grocers and confectioners	114
Restaurants and Cafes	27
Bakehouses	9

All premises comply with regulations 18 and 21 of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970, where applicable.

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTION

Particulars of Animals Slaughtered

Slaughterhouse	Bulls	Steers	Cows	Heifers	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
E. & G. Vernon West Street	-	316	20	213	-	1353	685	2587

Weight of Meat Condemned

Beef lbs.	Mutton lbs.	Veal lbs.	Pork lbs.	Offal lbs.	Total lbs.
-	-	-	15	1952	1967

Other Foods Condemned

	Cwts.	Qtrs.	Lbs.
Canned Foods	5	2	14
Other Foods	8	1	16
	17	0	2

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Part or Whole

	Cattle ex. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	529	20	-	1353	685
<u>All diseases except T.B. and Cysticercosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	191	13	-	82	56
Percentage affected with disease other than T.B. and Cysticercosis:					
1968	34.15	70.73	-	8.12	12.41
1969	35.19	75.00	-	7.68	8.03
1970	36.10	65.00	-	6.10	8.20
<u>Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage affected with T.B:					
1968	-	-	-	-	0.28
1969	-	-	-	-	-
1970	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted for treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage affected with Cysticercosis:					
1968	-	-	-	-	-
1969	-	-	-	-	-
1970	-	-	-	-	-

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district	8238	85
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	249	-
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	120	-
(ii) Mice	120	-
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	550	57
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	226	47
(ii) Mice	216	10

FACTORIES ACT 1961

1 - Inspections for Purposes of Provisions as to Health

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by local authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the local authority	173	194	4	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding outworkers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	173	194	4	-

2 - Cases in which Defects were Found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H. M. Inspector (4)	By H. M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage (S.7):-					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4	4	-	-	-

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

Table A - Registrations and General Inspections

Class of premises	Number of premises registered during the year.	Total number of registered premises at end of year.	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	4	40	10
Retail shops	6	131	29
Wholesale shops, warehouses.	1	7	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens.	-	5	-
Fuel storage depots	-	2	-
Total	11	185	40

Table B - Number of Visits of All Kinds by Inspector to Registered Premises

Table C - Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered
Premises by Workplace

Class of workplace (1)	Number of persons employed (2)
Offices	292
Retail shops	459
Wholesale departments, warehouses.	31
Catering establishments open to the public	68
Canteens	-
Fuel storage depots	11
Total	861
Total Males	376
Total Females	485

